



Audubon Soil and Water Conservation District

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LITTLEFIELD LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT KICKS OFF

EXIRA – At an event Wednesday, the Audubon Soil and Water Conservation District introduced the Littlefield Lake Watershed Project, which will help locals improve their lake.

The Littlefield Lake Watershed Project will receive a projected \$540,002 over two years in local, state and federal funding to help improve water quality in the lake. It is one of seven watershed projects to receive a projected total of \$5.4 million in local, state and federal resources to address water quality issues this summer.

The project is a partnership between the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship – Division of Soil Conservation (IDALS), USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Audubon Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

The Littlefield Lake Watershed Project will work one-on-one with landowners to make changes in the watershed. Those changes can help keep excess sediment and nutrients out of the lake, which currently lead to algae growth and turbidity (cloudy water) problems, affecting recreation.

“By making changes in the watershed, we hope to keep about 815 pounds of phosphorus and 133 tons of soil out of the lake each year,” Brand said. “That will help make Littlefield Lake a better place for swimming, fishing and boating.”

Brand and the watershed project will work one-on-one with local landowners to complete a comprehensive assessment of the watershed’s needs. The funds target the most critical needs and help landowners apply conservation measures.